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GENEALOGY AND HISTORY.

NOTHING is known by the compiler, of the LEE family prior to their removal to America. In the year 1641, THOMAS LEE, the ancestor of all the LEES in this country, sailed from some port in England, for the United States. He had with him, his wife and three children, PHEBE, JANE, and THOMAS, and his Father-in-law, a Mr. BROWN. On the passage, THOMAS LEE, the father, died of the small pox, and his remains were committed to the sea. The Mother, with her Father and children arrived safely, and they lived together for many years in Saybrook, Connecticut. Mr. BROWN, her father, afterwards removed to Providence in Rhode-Island, where he married again, and from him are descended the numerous and respectable family of the BROWNS, of that town and State. The genealogy from this THOMAS LEE is given, so far as particulars could be obtained, with such incidents and facts in relation to members of the family, as were either known, or furnished to the writer.

1. THOMAS LEE, born in England—married a BROWN—sailed for this country in 1641, and died on the passage. His children were,

1st, PHEBE, who married a Mr. Large of Long Island, by whom she had a daughter, who mar-

ried a Mr. Wright of Killingworth, Conn. This is all that is known of her or her descendants.

2d, JANE, who married a Mr. Hyde of Norwich, Ct., and from them descended a numerous family of that name living at Norwich and Lebanon, Ct. Besides sons, JANE had two daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Phebe*. Elizabeth married Matthew Griswold, of Lyme, Ct., from whom descended all the family of Griswolds in that town. One of their sons, was the Rev. George Griswold of the East Society in Lyme. Another was John, the father of Matthew Griswold, formerly Governor of the State of Connecticut. One of their daughters married a Mr. Dorr of Lyme; another, Col. Robert Lay of Lyme; and another, John Dennison, also of Lyme. They all left children, but no more of their history is known to the compiler. Phebe (2d daughter of Jane,) married Richard Lord of Lyme, the ancestor of the numerous family of that name in that town. One of her daughters married Samuel Ely of Lyme, (see Appendix C); another, married a Mr. Waterhouse; another, a Mr. Pierson, both of Lyme; and another, Stephen Lee, son of Thomas Lee (2).

3d, THOMAS (2)* who married Sarah Kirtland of Saybrook, Ct.

2. THOMAS LEE (son of THOMAS (1),) married SARAH KIRTLAND. Their children were,

* The figures enclosed in a parenthesis, refer to the numbers, which will be found at the left hand of the same names, when the same persons are more particularly mentioned. The reader can thus easily trace out any Genealogy desired, at pleasure.

1st, JOHN (3), who married Elizabeth Smith of Lyme.

2d, THOMAS (8), who married Elizabeth Graham of Hartford, Ct.

3d, SARAH, who married Daniel Buckingham of Saybrook, by whom she had the following children: 1st, *Daniel*, who married Lydia Lord of Saybrook, and had by her eight children, viz: Daniel, Adonijah, Nathan, Samuel, Giles, Andrew, Anna, and Lydia. 2d, *Stephen*, who moved to one of the Carolinas. 3d, *a daughter* (name unknown) who married Nathaniel Parker of Saybrook, but left no children. 4th, *a daughter* (name unknown) who married Deacon Andrew Lord of Saybrook, and left children. 5th, *a daughter* (name unknown) who married Jonathan Butler of Saybrook, and left children. 6th, *Anna*, who died unmarried.

His first wife SARAH dying, THOMAS LEE (2) married for his second wife MARY D' WOLFF of Lyme, by whom he had the following children:

1st, WILLIAM,* who married Mary Griffin of Long Island, by whom he had children, viz: 1st, *Ezra*, who married a Miss Southard of Lyme, and had by her several children, one of whom married the Rev. Richard C. Graham, of Dedham, Mass., and after his death, a Mr. King of Palmer, Mass.; another daughter married the Rev. Moses

* I find, by an entry made by my Grandfather, EZRA LEE, that this *William Lee*, first introduced the use of *Forks*, at table, in Lyme. What substitute was in use before, I know not.

Baldwin, also of Palmer. 2d, *Abner* (5) who married *Elizabeth Lee*, daughter of John Lee (4). 3d, *Cyrus*, who married a Miss Huntley of Lyme. 4th, *a daughter* (name unknown) who married Uriah Rowland of Lyme, and left children. 5th, *Azubah*, who married Daniel D' Wolf, by whom she had children. After his death she married Josiah Sill of Lyme.

2d, *STEPHEN*, who married Abigail Lord, by whom he had several children; one of whom, Col. *Stephen Lee* married and lived in New-London; another, *Thomas*, married a Miss Peck; one *daughter* married John Lay of Lyme, and another married Nathan Latimer of New-London. All of these left children.

3d, A DAUGHTER (name unknown) who married Joseph Beckwith of Lyme, by whom she had ten children.

4th, A DAUGHTER (name unknown) who married Samuel Peck of Lyme, and had children.

5th, *PHEBE*, who married Deacon Reynold Marvin of Lyme,* by whom she had children.

6th, *HANNAH*, who married John Griswold of Lyme, (see page 4.) They had a large family,

* Several characteristic and probably authentic anecdotes of this worthy, but most eccentric man, may be found in BARBER'S "Historical Collections of Connecticut," Art. "Lyme." He was the ancestor of my esteemed friend the late Col. EDMUND KIRBY, of Brownville, New-York, being, if I mistake not, the Grandfather of his mother. The epitaph on Deacon Marvin's tombstone may still be seen by the visiter to the Burying Ground of the First Society in Lyme. It is as follows:

" This Deacon, aged 68,
Is freed on earth from serving,
May for a crown no longer wait,
Lyme's Captain Reynold Marvin."

viz : 1st, *Matthew*, (Governor of Connecticut) who married Ursula Wolcott, daughter of Gov. Roger Wolcott of Ct. 2d, *Thomas*, who married a Miss Lynde of Saybrook. 3d, *Phebe* who married the Rev. Jonathan Parsons of Lyme, and afterwards of Newburyport. 4th, *Hannah*, who married Benajah Bushnell of Norwich. 5th, *Sarah*, who married William Hillhouse of Montville. 6th, *Lucy*, who married Elijah Backus of Norwich. 7th, *Clivina*, who married a Mr. Elliot of New Milford. 8th, *Deborah*, who married a Mr. Jewett of Lyme. 9th, *Lydia*, who married a Mr. Loudon of New-York.

7th, *LYDIA*, who died unmarried.

THOMAS LEE, whose children are given above, must have been a very wealthy man, for his purchases of land are said to have amounted to one-eighth part of the town of Lyme.

3. JOHN LEE, (son of THOMAS (2)) married ELIZABETH SMITH, of Lyme, by whom he had three sons and eight daughters, viz :—

1st, JOHN (4), who married Lydia Allen of Montville.

2d, JOSEPH, who married Mary Allen of Montville. They had ten children, only three of whom lived to adult years, viz: *Samuel*, *Joseph* and *Jason*. The first two were Physicians; the other a Baptist minister in Lyme. He died in 1811. JOSEPH (the father) was in early life, a lay preacher. When somewhat advanced in years, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Long Island, Pastor of the church at Oyster Ponds, Long Island. He continued their minister until the Revolution-

ary war broke out, when he returned to Lyme, and died there at a good old age.

3d, **BENJAMIN**, who married Mary Ely, of Lyme, by whom he had eleven children. He was a farmer and died of the small pox in April, 1777.

4th, **SARAH**, who married John Lay, of Lyme, by whom she had five children.

5th, **ELIZABETH**, who died unmarried.

6th, **PHEBE**, who married James Elderkin, by whom she had children. After his death, she married Samuel Southard of Lyme, whom she survived.

7th, **Lucy**, who married Amos Tinker of Lyme, by whom she had children. She died of the consumption.

8th, **JANE**, who married Thomas Way of Lyme, by whom she had several children, one of whom, (*Delight*) married Giles Lee, son of John Lee (4).

9th, **MARY**, who married John Comstock of Montville, by whom she had six children. One of her sons (*John*) was a Lieutenant in the army of the Revolution, and was killed at the taking of New-York, September 15, 1776. Another son, (*Asa*) was drowned at sea.

10th, **HEPHZIBAH**, who married Elisha Lee (9) of Lyme. Their children will be given hereafter. After his death, she married John Sill of Lyme, by whom she had two sons, *Richard* and *Enoch*, both of whom died young.

11th, **JOANNA**, who married John Beckwith of Lyme, by whom she had four children. **JOHN LEE** (3) died of the measles, January 17th (O. S.)

1716, aged 44. He left a dying charge to his children and descendants enjoining each and all of them to the end of time, to keep a copy of it.* After his death, his widow married John Barley of Groton, and survived him, dying in 1762, aged about 90.

4. JOHN LEE, † (son of JOHN LEE (3),) married LYDIA ALLEN of Montville, Ct., by whom he had the following children:—

1st, ELIZABETH, born November 2, 1724, who married Abner Lee (5). Their children will be given hereafter.

2d, LYDIA, who died unmarried.

3d, THINAH, of whom nothing further is known.

His first wife dying, JOHN LEE married EUNICE LEE, daughter of THOMAS (8), by whom he had the following children:—

1st, JOHN, who married Elizabeth Griswold, but died of the small pox about nine months after his marriage, leaving no children. He was a Physician, and resided in Sharon, Conn.

2d, MARTIN, who died in 1746 of the consumption, being some ten or twelve years of age.

3d, GILES, who married, 1st, Delight Way of Lyme, (see page 8) who died childless in 1764. He then married a Miss Smith of Sandersfield, Mass., (in which place he was a farmer,) and had by her several children, all of whom died young,

* See Appendix A.

† This JOHN LEE, first introduced the use of cups and saucers in Lyme. So says my Grandfather.

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except a daughter, named *Delight*. This second wife died in 1777, and he then married Martha Crook of Blanford, Mass., by whom he also had several children. He died of the consumption in August 1790, aged 52.

4th, **ANNA**, who married Zachariah Marvin of Lyme, by whom, she had a number of children. She died of the small pox, in March 1777.

His second wife dying, **JOHN LEE** again married, his third wife being **ABIGAIL TULLY** of Saybrook, by whom he had,

1st, **EUNICE**, who married Samuel Hall, son of the Rev. Theophilus Hall of Wallingford, by whom she had eight children, viz: *Lee, Eunice, Samuel, Elihu, William, Lucy, Fanny* and *John Hubbard*. She died March 20, 1790, of the small pox. Her husband survived her about one year, dying March 29, 1791.

2d, **ANDREW (11)**.

JOHN LEE died August 26, 1745, aged 43. He was a Lawyer of considerable eminence, having been for some time King's Attorney for the county of New London. He was for many years the Representative for Lyme, in the General Assembly. After his death, his widow **ABIGAIL** removed to Saybrook, and on the 6th of January 1749, was married to Deacon **CALEB CHAPMAN** of that town, with whom she lived until May 2, 1773, when she died, in the 65th year of her age.

5. **ABNER LEE** (son of **WILLIAM LEE**, the son of **THOMAS (2)** by his second wife) was born October 26, 1726, and married **ELIZABETH LEE**, daughter of

JOHN LEE (4), the 13th of August 1747. They had the following children:

1st, EZRA (6), born January 21, 1749.

2d, LUCINDA, born January 16, 1752, who married Elias Mather, Oct. 17, 1771.

3d, LYDIA, born August 1, 1754, and died March 15, 1755.

4th, DAN, born February 6, 1757, who married Lurana Champlin, by whom he had the following children, viz: 1st, *Silas*, who died young. 2d, *Lurana*, who married Nathan Stark of North Lyme, by whom she had children, viz: 1st, a daughter who married Mr. Scrantoni. 2d, a daughter, who married Nathan Jewett, Junior. 3d, Dan Lee, late Captain of the London and New-York packet ship, "Mediator." He died in December 1848, on his homeward bound passage, leaving a wife and one child. His first wife dying, DAN LEE married Abigail Champlin, and after her death, a widow Goold. He survived them all, and died about twenty years since.

5th, JOHN, born May 6, 1759, and died May 26, 1760.

6th, ABNER, Jr., born May 20, 1763, who married a Miss Griffin, and lived near Hudson's river in the State of New-York.

7th, JOHN ALLEN, born May 26, 1765, who married a Miss Stoutenburgh, by whom he had four daughters. He was a physician, and lived in Clinton, N. Y.

7th, CLARISSA, born January 27, 1769, and died June 13, 1770.

His first wife dying, ABNER LEE married widow

LUCRETIA JEWETT, whose maiden name was ROGERS. By her he had one daughter ELIZABETH, who married a Mr. Bingham. This second wife of ABNER survived him a number of years, and died about 1830, being nearly 100 years of age.

6. EZRA LEE,* (son of ABNER (5),) married on the 14th of November, 1771, DEBORAH MATHER†, daughter of Capt. Richard Mather of Lyme. She was born October 3, 1752, and died June 30, 1826. Their children were,

1st, SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS (7), born August 5, 1772.

2d, ELIZABETH, born August 31, 1774, who married Edward Hill ‡ of Lyme. Their children were, 1st, *Christopher Edward*, who married Martha Maria Arnold of Haddam, Ct., by whom he has had the following children, viz: Henry, Henry Edward and Ellen, who all died in infancy; Edward William, who died in 1849, aged 14 years; and Francis Burrows, (still living). 2d, *Elizabeth Lee*, unmarried. 3d, *Mary Ann*, who married John Bartlett of New-Hampshire. 4th, *Lucia Marvin*, who married Dr. Lewis B. Gregory of Albany, by whom she had the following

* See appendix B.

† The mother of Mrs. LEE was DEBORAH ELY. As the genealogy of the ELY family is, not only here, but in several other cases, connected with that of the LEES, I insert as full a list thereof, as could be obtained. I am indebted therefor to my uncle, JOHN ELY, Esq. of Philadelphia. See appendix C.

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‡ For as full a list of my Father's family as I could obtain, see appendix D.

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children, viz: Emma Marvin, (died in infancy,) Edward Hill, Emma Marvin, John Marvin and Lewis Benedict. The last two died in infancy. Dr. Gregory died in 1838, and Lucia died, November, 1850. 5th, *Margaret Jane*, who married James Burton of Albany, by whom she has had the following children, viz: William Henry, John Edward, Catharine Elizabeth, Emma Stephens, James Cobb (died in infancy), and Margaret Jane. 6th, *William Henry*, who married Ann McAlister, of Albany, by whom he has two children, viz: Jane Elizabeth and Isabella Mayell. 7th, *Samuel Lee*, who died in infancy.

3d, *LUCIA*, born May 8, 1777, and died October 25, 1778.

4th, *LUCIA MATHER*, born November 10, 1779, who married John Marvin of Albany, by whom she had three children, viz: 1. *Richard Henry*, 2. *Charles Benjamin* and 3. *William Alexander*, all of whom died young.

5th, *POLLY*, born April 16, 1782, and died May 7, 1782.

6th, *PHEBE*, born June 6, 1783, and died August 2, 1805.

7th, *WILLIAM RICHARD HENRY*, born April 17, 1787, and died July 30, 1796.

8th, *MARGARET STOUTENBURGH*, born November 11, 1794, who married John Ely, Jr., (see appendix C.) by whom she has had the following children, viz: 1st, *Elizabeth Bennet* (died in infancy); 2d, *Charles Henry*, (do.); 3d, *Eliza*, who married James Hall Bready of Philadelphia, and had by him two children, viz: John Ely, and Louisa Ely. Mr. B. died December 26, 1842.

4th, *John Lee*, (died in infancy). 5th, *Louisa*. 6th, *Richard Henry* (died in infancy). 7th, *James*. 8th, *William*.

7. SAMUEL H. P. LEE,* (son of EZRA (6),) married ELIZABETH SULLIVAN. She was born in 1773, and died August 1, 1847. Their children were the following:

1st, JOHN SULLIVAN, who died in 1819 unmarried.

2d, HENRY SULLIVAN, who married Mrs. Elizabeth McKinstry, and has had by her the following children: 1st, *John Sullivan*; 2d, *Henry Clay*; 3d, *Maria Louisa*; 4th, *Thomas Hobbie*; 5th, *Jessie Thompson*; 6th, *Margaret Ely*, (died in infancy); 7th, *Drury Thompson*, and 8th, *Eugene Clark*.

3d, ELIZABETH CHAPMAN, who lives with her father in New-York.

4th, SARAH TABER, who died unmarried.

5th, SAMUEL HOLDEN PARSONS Jr., who married Mrs. Barrow of Pittsfield, Mass., and has

* A physician of eminence in his profession; formerly living in New London, Conn., but now in New-York. In 1798, the yellow fever raged in New London with appalling violence and fatality. Dr. Webster, in his "History of Epidemic and Pestilential diseases," thus alludes to the intrepid conduct of Dr. LEE:

"Early in the sickness, all the physicians, but one who was too much indisposed to practice, and another, Dr. Rawson, who was violently attacked with the fever, deserted the city, excepting Dr. SAMUEL H. P. LEE, to whose lot it fell alone and unassisted, to combat the fury of this dreadful pestilence. Such was the difficulty in procuring nurses and watchers, that some of our most opulent citizens were seen going from house to house with money in their hands, offering any price for assistance even for a single night, in vain."

had by her two children, viz: 1st, *Elizabeth Sullivan*, and 2d, *Henry Clinton* (died in infancy.)

6th, **MARY TABER**, who died unmarried.

7th, **WILLIAM RICHARD**, who lives in Mobile, Alabama.

8th, **THOMAS EZRA**, (died in infancy.)

9th, **MARIA LOUISA**, who lives with her father in New-York.

8. **THOMAS LEE**, (son of **THOMAS** (2),) married **ELIZABETH GRAHAM** of Hartford. Their children were :

1st, **THOMAS**, who died unmarried.

2d, **SAMUEL**, who married Jane Freeman of New-London, by whom he had several children.

3d, **ELISHA** (9), who married Hephzibah Lee, daughter of John (3).

4th, **MARY**, who died unmarried,

5th, **ELIZABETH**, who married the Rev. George Griswold of East Lyme, (see page 4.)

6th, **A DAUGHTER**, (name unknown,) who married Clement Miner of Lyme, by whom she had several children.

7th, **EUNICE**, who married John Lee (4), being his second wife.

9. **ELISHA LEE** (son of **THOMAS** (8), married **HEPHZIBAH LEE**, daughter of John Lee (3), by whom he had the following children, viz :

1st, **ELISHA**, who married —, and had ten children, viz : 1. *Elisha* who lived in Clinton, New-York. His children were William, Charles, Elisha (these last two live in Rochester, N. Y.) Enoch, Richard and Sally. 2. *John*, 3. *Enoch*, 4. *James*, 5. *Jonathan*, 6. *George*, 7. *Richard*, 8.

Phebe who married a Mr. Lay of Cazenovia, N. Y., 9. *Fanny*, who married a Dr. Huntington of Long Island. 10. *Abby*, who married Abraham Gardner of Long Island, afterwards of New Hartford, Oneida county, N. Y.

2d, **SETH** (10.)

3d, **PHEBE**, who married a Mr. Reynolds of Norwich Ct., and had by him two daughters, one of whom married Giles L'Hommedieu; the other died unmarried.

4th, **KATE**, who married Elijah Ely of North Lyme, (see Appendix C.) by whom she had six children, viz: 1, *Phebe* who married Calvin Selden, and is the mother of the Hon. Samuel L. and Henry R. Selden of Rochester, N. Y. 2. *Kate*, 3. *Hannah*, 4. *Hephzibah*, 5. *Samuel*, 6. *Elijah*.

10. **SETH LEE** (son of **ELISHA** (9), married **BETSEY SMITH**, by whom he had seven children, viz:

1st, **HEPHZIBAH**, who married Nathan Jewett.

2d, **SETH**, who married Mary Ann Hill of Lyme.* Their children were the following, viz: 1. *Christopher*, who married Betsey Tiffany, 2. *Seth*, who married Charlotte J. Warren, 3. *Eliza*, unmarried, 4. *Betsey*, who married George R. Peck, 5. *Richard*, who married ——, 6. *Abby*, who married Reuben L. Hall, of Lyme, 7. *Mary*, who married Henry Brewer of Cortlandville, N. Y., 8. *Roxana*, who married John B. Wells of Utica, N. Y. **SETH**, the Father, was a Congregational Minister, settled over the "Grassy Hill" Parish in Lyme, where he died very suddenly, about twenty-five years since.

* The eldest sister of my Father. See Appendix D.

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3d, BETSEY who married James Forsyth, and had by him a number of children.

4th, ABBY, who married Alfred Wells of Utica. A. L. Wells, a merchant of Utica, is their son.

5th, RICHARD.

6th, MARY.

7th, NANCY. These last three died unmarried.

11. ANDREW LEE (son of JOHN LEE (4) by his 3d wife, ABIGAIL TULLY,) was born May 7, 1745 (O. S.) He was graduated at Yale College in 1766. He was, two years thereafter, settled as the Pastor of the Congregational Society, in Hanover, town of New-Lisbon, Ct., and retained the charge of that parish until within a year or two of his death, which happened in August, 1832. Harvard College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. December 15, 1768, he married EUNICE HALL, 3d daughter of Rev. Theophilus Hall of Wallingford, (see page 10.) By her, he had the following children :—

1st, EUNICE, who married the Rev. Ezra Wilton, of Wilbraham, Mass., January 21, 1796. They subsequently removed to Canandaigua, N. Y. and afterwards to West Tennessee, where they died. Their children were, 1. *Betsey Lee*, (died in infancy,) 2. *John Lee*, 3. *Robert Bruce*, 4. *Betsey Lee* (died in infancy,) 5. *Betsey Lee*, 6. *Eunice Hall*.

2d, MARY, who married William Perkins of Ashford, Ct., February 12, 1795. Their children were, 1. *Andrew*, 2. *Isaac*, 3. *William Lee*, 4. *Mary*, (died in 1822,) 5. *Eleazar*, 6. *George*, 7.

Louisa, 8. *Tamison*, 9. *Charles*, 10. A twin brother of Charles (died in infancy,) 11. *John*.

3d, *JOHN*, who married Mary Griffin of Lisbon, Ct., September 30, 1798. He was an attorney at law, settled in Cambridge, Washington county N. Y., and died in Greenwich, same county, July 29, 1814. Their children were, 1. *Eliza Maria*, who married John Brigham, Jr. of Lisbon. They afterwards removed to Ellsworth, Ohio, where she died in 1820. 2, *Eleanor Perkins*, who married Frederick Perkins of Windham, Ct. They removed to Niles, Mich., where they now reside. They have a large family.

4th, *TULLY* who married *Lois Abell* of Franklin, Ct., May 19, 1796, who died in 1805, and her husband in 1806. Their children were, 1. *William Tully*, who resides in Hartford Ct. He married in 1827, Mary Alderman, by whom he had four children, viz: William Henry, John Albert (died in infancy,) George Butler, (died in infancy) and Mary. His first wife dying of consumption in 1843, he married in 1845, Mary Collins of New Haven, Ct. 2. *Marian*, who was married in September, 1827, to Ebenezer Penny of Ellington, Ct., and had by him the following children, viz: Henry Lee (died in infancy) Charles Hitchcock, Henry Lee, Mary (died in infancy) Caroline, Mary, Ellen, and Elizabeth. 3. *Lois Fellows*, who was married in September 1827, to Ebenezer Potter and had by him three children, viz: Jeremiah Fellows, Ira Hart, and Mary.

5th, *ABIGAIL*, who was married in December 1799, to Charles Lord, a merchant of Ashford, Ct.

They subsequently removed to Canterbury, and in 1810, to Montreal, Canada, where they died—the wife in 1817. Their children were, 1. *Charles* (died in his 11th year,) 2. *William*, 3. *Caroline*, 4. *Edwin*, 5. *Oscar*, (died in his 9th year,) 6. *Nathaniel* (died in infancy.)

6th, ANDREW, who married in January 1807, Lemira Bushnell of Lisbon. He died in February 1815. Their children were, 1. *Abigail Williams*, 2. *William Avery* (died in his 12th year.)

7th, LUCY, who was married in June 1802, to Doct. Judah Bliss of Wilbraham, Mass. He subsequently removed to Tolland, Ct.; afterwards to Hartford; then to Black Rock, and finally to Buffalo, where he died. They had two children, viz : 1. *Judah Lee*, 2. *Lucy*.

8th, MARTIN (12.)

9th, WILLIAM, who married in April, 1812, Nancy Bingham of Lisbon, by whom he had six children, viz : 1, *Elizabeth Williams*. 2, *Eunice Hall*. 3, *Nancy*. 4, *Andrew*. 5, *Tabitha*. 6, *Lucy*. His first wife dying in 1825, he married Sally Storrs, and had by her two children, viz. 1, *Sally*, (died in infancy.) 2, *William Storrs*. His second wife died December 6, 1838.

10th, BETSEY, who died in infancy.

His first wife EUNICE dying, October 7, 1800, the Rev. ANDREW LEE was again married in October, 1801, to Mrs. ABIGAIL SMITH, widow of Ebenezer Smith of Roxbury, Mass. Her maiden name was Williams. She died in May, 1831, and her husband, as before stated, in August, 1832.

12. MARTIN LEE,* (son of ANDREW LEE (11),) married in November, 1811, ANNA WENDELL, eldest daughter of Hon. Gerrit Wendell of Cambridge, Washington co., N. Y., by whom he has had the following children :

1st, ELIZA ANN, who was married in November, 1835, to Doct. William Wright, then of Schaghticoke, but now of Fort Edward, N. Y. Their children are, 1, *William Henry Seward*. 2, *Helena Mary*, (died in infancy.) 3, *Cornelia Lee*. 4, *Martin Lee* (died in infancy.) 5, *Albert James*.

2d, GERRIT WENDELL, who died in infancy.

3d, KATHARINE MARIA, who was married to John W. Clements of Glen's Falls, N. Y., by whom she has had two children, viz : 1. *Francis Martin*. 2. *George Lee*.

4th, CORNELIA WENDELL, who died unmarried in 1840.

5th, WILLIAM ANDREW, who married Lucinda Ostrander of Michigan, by whom he has had one son, *Francis William*. The family reside in Granville, N. Y.

6th, MARTIN TULLY, who died in infancy.

7th, GEORGE PLATT, who is unmarried, and lives in California.

* He is an attorney at law in Granville, N. Y., and was from 1838 to 1842, a Senator from the then Fourth Senatorial district of this State. He was much and justly respected as a legislator, and was elected President *pro tem.* of the Senate in 1841. Here commenced my first acquaintance with him, being myself then Reporter for the Albany Evening Journal. I am indebted to him for most of the foregoing statistics of the LEE family, his father having kept their genealogy from the first emigration to this country.

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8th, REBECCA VAN VECHTEN, who was married in August, 1849, to Samuel W. Perry of Granville, and has one child, *Anna Wendell*.

9th, HELENA MARY, unmarried.

10th, GERRIT WENDELL, who died in infancy.

11th, CORNELIUS WENDELL, who also died in infancy.

APPENDIX A.

(Referred to on page 9.)

The Dying Charge of JOHN LEE of Lyme, given to his children on his death bed, January 13th (O. S.) 1716, four days before his death :—

“ I charge you, my dear children, that you fear God and keep His commandments, and that you uphold His public worship with diligence and as constantly as you can. And that you be constant in the duty of secret prayer twice every day, all the days of your lives ; and all you that come to be heads of families, that you be constant in family prayers—praying evening and morning with your families, besides your prayers at meals. And that in your prayers, you pray for converting grace for yourselves and others, and that God will show the excellency of Christ, and cause you to love Him and believe in Him, and show you the evil of sin, and make you hate forever and turn from it—and that you never give over till you have obtained converting grace from God. Furthermore, I charge you, that you choose death rather than deny Christ in any wise or in any degree—and that you never turn Papists or heretics, but serve God in the way you were brought up in. And that you avoid all evil company, lest you be led into a snare and temptation. Also, be very careful to avoid all excess in drinking, and all other sins and profaneness, and be always dutiful to your mother and kind to one another This I leave in charge to all my posterity to the end of the world, charging every person of them to keep a copy of this my charge to my children.

“ This is my dying charge to my children. God grant you so to live and die, as to have the good man’s company.

(Signed) JOHN LEE.”

APPENDIX B.

(Referred to on page 12.)

EZRA LEE (my Grandfather.) was an officer in the Revolutionary War. The following, which was published immediately after his death, will be read with interest, at least, by all of his descendants :

Obituary notice of Capt. EZRA LEE, copied from the New-York Commercial Advertiser of November 15, 1821, where it appeared as a communication.

Died at Lyme, Connecticut, on the 29th ult., Capt. EZRA LEE, aged 72, a revolutionary officer. It is not a little remarkable, that this officer is the only man of whom it can be said, that he fought the enemy upon land, upon water, and *under the water*: the latter mode of warfare was as follows:

When the British fleet lay in the North River, opposite to the city of New-York, and while Gen. Washington had possession of the city, he was very desirous to be rid of such neighbors. A Mr. Bushnell of Saybrook, Con., who had the genius of a Fulton, constructed a submarine machine, of a conical form, bound together with iron bands, within which one person might sit, and with crank and sculls, could navigate it to any depth under water. In the upper part was affixed a vertical screw for the purpose of penetrating ships' bottoms, and to this was attached a magazine of powder, within which was a clock, which on being set to run any given time, would when run down, spring a gunlock, and an explosion would follow. This Marine Turtle, so called, was examined by Gen. Washington, and approved: to preserve secrecy, it was experimented with in an enclosed yard, in twenty to thirty feet water, and kept during daylight locked in a vessel's hold. The brother of the inventor was to be the person to navigate the machine into action, but on sinking it the first time he declined the service.

Gen. Washington, unwilling to relinquish the object, requested Major-General Parsons to select a person in whom he could confide, voluntarily to engage in the enterprise: the latter being well acquainted with the heroic spirit, the patriotism, and the firm and steady courage of the deceased above mentioned, immediately communicated the plan and the offer, which he accepted, observing that his life was at Gen. Washington's service. After practising the machine until he understood its powers of balancing and moving under water, a night was fixed upon for the attempt. Gen. Washington and his associates in the secret, took their stations upon the roof of a house in Broadway, anxiously waiting the result. Morning came, and no intelligence could be had of the intrepid submarine navigator, nor could the boat which attended him, give any account of him, after parting with him the first part of the night. While these anxious spectators were about to give him up as lost, several barges were seen to start suddenly from Governor's Island, then in possession of the British, and proceed towards some object near the Asia ship of the line; as suddenly they were seen to put about, and steer for the island with springing

oars. In two or three minutes an explosion took place from the surface of the water, resembling a water spout, which aroused the whole city and region: the enemy's ships took the alarm—signals were rapidly given—the ships cut their cables, and proceeded to the Hook with all possible despatch, sweeping their bottoms with chains, and with difficulty prevented their affrighted crews from leaping overboard.

During this scene of consternation, the deceased came to the surface, opened the brass head of his aquatic machine; rose up, and gave a signal for the boat to come to him; but they could not reach him until he again descended under water, to avoid the enemy's shot from the island, who had discovered him, and commenced firing in his wake. Having forced himself against a strong current under water until without the reach of shot, he was taken in tow, and landed at the Battery amidst a great crowd, and reported himself to General Washington, who expressed his entire satisfaction that the object was effected without the loss of lives. The deceased was under the Asia's bottom more than two hours, endeavoring to penetrate her copper but in vain. He frequently came up under her stern galleries, searching for exposed plank, and could hear the sentinels cry. Once he was discovered by the watch on deck, and heard them speculate upon him, but concluded a drifted log had paid them a visit. He returned to her keel, and examined it fore and aft, and then proceeded to some other ships; but to the impossibility of penetrating their copper, for want of a resisting power, hundreds owed their lives. The longest space of time he could remain under water was two hours. For a particular description of this submarine curiosity, see Silliman's Journal of Arts and Sciences.

The deceased, during the war, ever had the confidence and esteem of the commander-in-chief, and was frequently employed by him on secret missions of importance. He fought with him at Trenton and Monmouth; at Brandywine the hilt of his sword was shot away, and his hat and coat were penetrated with the enemy's balls. On the return of peace, he laid aside the habiliments of war, and returned to his farm, where, like Cincinnatus, he tilled his lands, until now called by the great Commander-in Chief, to the regions above. He died without an enemy; he was universally beloved. The suavity of his manners, evenness of temper, and correctness of principles, was proverbial, and pleasing to all his acquaintance. He enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens to an extent almost unparalleled. His desk was the repository of deeds, contracts, and other evidences of property, as well as the widow's and orphan's wealth, for safe keeping. He constantly read the papers of the day, and was by many considered a political prophet. His christian and moral life was

sternly strict—his Bible his guide and rule of action. “To do unto others as he would they should do unto him,” was his universal maxim and rule of life. His benevolence and charity were only circumscribed by his means. Contented and happy, he was an example of the great blessings which flow from the perfect enjoyment of life, regulated by christian and moral virtue. He has left a widow, with whom he has lived fifty-one years, and a numerous offspring to mourn the loss of one of the best of men.

A P P E N D I X C.

(Referred to on page 12.)

TABLE OF THE DESCENT OF THE ELY FAMILY.

RICHARD ELY, a widower, the first of the family of that name who came to this country, emigrated from Plymouth, England, about 1660 or 1670, accompanied by his youngest son Richard, and settled at Lyme in Connecticut. His eldest son, William, was then in the West Indies. Richard Ely, the elder afterwards married the widow Cullick, daughter of Col. Phipps, who owned the great meadow, on which there was a debt of £400, which Richard Ely paid, and the estate was settled on him. After two years he sent for his eldest son, who came and lived at Lyme with his father and brother.

1. **RICHARD** came from England as above mentioned. Died 1695. Children: William 2, Richard 7.

2. **WILLIAM** (son of Richard 1) married a Smith. Died 1750. Children: Richard 8, Elizabeth m. Samuel Smith, Mary m. Moses Noyes, Daniel 9, William 3, Deborah m. Geo. Dennis and Col. Butler, family at Niagara, Joanna, Joseph.

3. **WILLIAM** (son of William 2) married ——. Children: Jacob 10, James 4, Martha m. Joseph D. Wolf; Deborah m. Richard Mather; Mary Ann, Samuel 11, Ammiruhama 12, m. Martha Peck, Hannah m. Abraham Turner, Mary m. Edward Brockway, Ann m. Elisha Ely.

4. **JAMES** (son of William 3) m. Dorcas Andrews of Ipswich. Died 1763. Children: Elizabeth born Sep. 14, 1742, m. A. Alford; James 13, b. 9 Feb. 1744; Jacob 14, b. 19 Jan. 1747; Ruhama b. 5 Feb. 1745; Dorcas b. 15 Jan. 1749 m. E. Alford; Aaron b. 2 Aug. 1753, killed in battle near Kingsbridge, 5 Jan. 1777; Andrew 15, b. 5 Jan. 1756; John 5, b. 28 Feb. 1758; twins, Gad 16, b. 24 May 1762; Rhoda; Tabitha b. 18 Jan. 1752.

5. **JOHN** (son of James 4) m. Elizabeth Bennet, Pa., d. 14 Aug. 1847, she died Dec. 1797. Children: John 6, Sarah b. June 19, 1789, d. March 7,

1798; Eliza m. James Brackett 3 July 1809; Maria b. Dec. 5, 1794, died April 3, 1797.

6. JOHN (son of John 5) b. Philadelphia Aug. 11, 1787, m. Margaret S. Lee, April 5, 1814, daughter of Ezra Lee. (For list of their children, see page 13.)

7. RICHARD (son of Richard 1) married a Marvin. Children. Samuel 17, Richard 18.

8. RICHARD (son of William 2) m. 1st Rubamah Thomson; 2 Margaret Olcott. Children: William 19, Joseph 20, Richard 21, Simon 22, Ruhamah m. Ebenezer Tiffany; Margaret m. Eliab Pratt; Cullick 23, Elisha 24, Molly m. Nichols; Lucretia or Lucy m. Corney; Adriel 25, Sarah m. Cheney; Deborah.

9. DANIEL (son of William 2,) 1st wife Mary Ann Champlin; 2d, Ruth Wells; 3d. Mary Rose, Long Island; 4th, Ruahmah Turner. Children: Mary m. Benj. Lee (see page 8;) Ann m. Asa Harris; Elizabeth m. Abm. Perkins; Daniel 26, Sarah, Ruth, Wells 27, John 28, Lucretia, Amy m. Ezra Selden; Lucretia m. Benj. Colt; Christopher 29, Elisha 30.

10. JACOB (son of William 3) m. Lydia Ray. Children: Lydia, Sarah, William, Moses, Eleanor, Deborah.

11. SAMUEL (son of William 3) m. Mather. Children: Lucy, Samuel.

12. AMMIRUHAMMA, (son of William 3) m. Martha Peck. Children: Gabriel, Martha, Gurdon, Hannah, Zelophedad, Pharney, Gates.

13. JAMES (son of James 4) m. 1, Catharine Hayes; 2, Widow Marvin. Children: Richard married—and has children; James m. Miss Barber; Dorcas; Phebe m. Emmons; Aaron, John, Catharine, William.

14. JACOB (son of James 4) m. 1, Temperance Tiffany; 2, Widow Lois Perkins. Children: Temperance, Aaron, Eli, Jacob, Benjamin, Seth, Seabury m. Brown, Calvin, Clark, Gad, Eliza died young.

15. ANDREW (son of James 4) m. Hannah Perkins. Children: Ruhama, Andrew, Seth, Hannah, Lovicy, Thomas, Abijah.

16. GAD (son of James 4) m. Tamar Meeker. 2d, Widow Van Beuren, children all by the latter. Children: Eliza, Edwin, John, Gustavus, Cropsey, one that died young.

17. SAMUEL (son of Richard 7) m. Miss Lord. (See page 4.) Children: Samuel 31 m. Hannah Marsh; Elizabeth m. Sheldon.

18. RICHARD (son of Richard 7) m. 1st, Peck; 2d, Hubbard. Children: David 32 m. Hepza Mills; Hepzibah m. John Pratt; Phebe m. James Dennison Colt; Robert 33, m. Jerusha Lay; Josiah 34, m. Phebe Dennison; Elihu 35 m. Ann Ely; Seth 36, m. Lydia Reynolds; Ezra 37, m. 1, Sarah Sterling, 2, Anna Sterling; Richard 38, m. Jerusha Sheldon; Esther; Elizabeth m. Samuel Selden.

19. **WILLIAM** (son of Richard 8) m. Elizabeth Perkins. Children: William, Abraham, Elizabeth, Lois, Lucy, Joseph, Benjamin, Moses. This family settled in New Jersey.

20. **JOSEPH** (son of Richard 8,) m. Rebecca Selden. Children: Rebecca m. Miner; Anna m. Elihu Ely; Mehitabel m. Samuel Holmes; Elizabeth m. Reuben Lord; Joseph died at 21; Hepzibah m. Jonathan Warner; Charity m. Mason Brown; Olive m. Robert Hungerford.

21. **RICHARD** (son of Richard 8,) m. Molly Pearson. Children: Esther m. Elijah Peck; Molly m. George Read; Richard m. Statia Lay; Irene m. Manasseh Leach; Tabitha m. Judge Jedediah Peck.

22. **SIMON** (son of Richard 8) m. Halsey. Children: Calvin, Abigail, Gabriel, Isaac, Simon, Sluman.

23. **CULLICK** (son of Richard 8) m. Sarah Foot. Children: David, Cullick, Eleazer, Eunice, Sarah, Russel, Charles, Joseph.

24. **ELISHA** (son of Richard 8) m. Ann Ely. Children: Elisha Olcott, Masilva, Eliab, Mary Ann; Deborah, Peggy, twins; Deborah m. Robert Hubbard Ely.

25. **ADRIEL** (son of Richard 8) m. Sarah Stow. Children: Horace m. Sarah Rogers; Betsy m. Erastus Sterling; Sumner m. Hannah Gilbert; William Stow m. Lydia Skinner; Adriel m. Eveline Foster.

26. **DANIEL** (son of Daniel 9) m. Abigail Dennison. Children: Daniel m. Sarah Whittlesey and Esther Case; Lucy m. Joseph Hayes; Jabez m. Bennet; Abigail, unmarried; Mary Ann m. Philip Tucker; Dennison; Lucretia.

27. **WELLS** (son of Daniel 9) m. Elizabeth Williams and Rebcca Selden. Children: Ruth m. Enoch Marvin; Wells m. Sarah Wells; Zebediah; Elizabeth m. Amos Randall; Deborah m. Spencer; Ashbel, Selden, Dudley, Rebecca, William, Amah, Rebecca.

28. **JOHN** (son of Daniel 9) m. Sarah Worthington. Children: Worthington; Linda; Betsey m. Samuel Goodrich (Peter Parley's father,) Amah, Lucretia, Lucretia, John, Edward.

29. **CHRISTOPHER** (son of Daniel 9) 1st wife Eve Marvin; 2d, Esther Hunt; 3d, Elliot. Children: Esther, John Christopher.

30. **ELISHA** (son of Daniel 9) m. Susanna Bloomer. Children: Nancy, Gilbert, Elisha, Susanna, Gilbert Bloomer, Elisha, William Alfred.

31. **SAMUEL** (son of Samuel 17) m. Hannah Marsh. Children: Samuel, Elijah m. Kate Lee, see page 16; Hannah m. Elliot; Abner m. Brockway; Mary m. Thos. Anderson: Elizabeth m. Abm. Perkins; Lois m. Ezra Selden; Jerusha m. Williams; Marsh.

32. **DAVID** (son of Richard 18) m. Hepza Mills. Children: Hepza m. Silliman; David, Isaac M., Elisha, Polly m. A. Gracie.

33. ROBERT (son of Richard 18) m. Jerusha Lay. Children: Robert, Jerusha, Phebe, Mary, Simeon.

34. JOSIAH (son of Richard 18) m. Phebe Dennison. Children: Griswold; Enoch m. Mrs. Camp; Phebo m. Col. Lord; David; Richard m. Miss Peck of Salem.

35. ELIHU (son of Richard 18) m. Ann Ely. Children: Caroline m. Steele; Joseph Elihu d. unmarried. Possessor of the family ring*; Anna m. Nathaniel Matson; Mehitable; Elihu m. Eliza Ely; Richard; Oliver m. Lois Mather; Phebe m. I. Matson; Elias.

36. SETH (son of Richard 18) m. Lydia Reynolds. Children: John, Seth, Lydia, Abigail, Richard, Richard, Ebenezer, Phebe, Deborah.

37. EZRA (son of Richard 18) m. Sarah Sterling and Anna Sterling. Children: Israel m. Noyes; Benjamin, Anna, Sterling, Zebulon 39, Esther m. Beebe; Sarah m. Peck.

38. RICHARD (son of Richard 18) m. Jerusha Sheldon. Children: William, Richard, Clarinda, Phebe, Sheldon, Jerusha, Richard, William, Hepzibah, Hulda.

39. ZEBULON (son of Ezra 37) m. Mills. Children: Cornelia, Jonathan, David, Aurelia, George, Julia, Abby, Sarah, Laura, Ezra Stiles 40, Mary, Mills.

40. EZRA STILES (son of Zebulon 39) m. 1st, Mary Ann Carswell. 2d, Caroline T. Holmes. Children: Margaret, Carswell, Ezra Stiles, Ezra S. D., Mary Ann, Mary A. M., Ben Ezra, Caroline, Ezra Stiles.

Notice of the female descendants of the family of Ely.

DEBORAH (daughter of William 3) married Richard Mather. Children: Mehitable m. Gen. Samuel Holden Parsons; Samuel m. Lois Griswold; William; Elias m. Lucinda Lee, (See page 11); Deborah m. Capt. Ezra Lee. (See page 12); Ezra, Lucia, Lucia, Sylvester m. Elizabeth Waite; Polly m. William Champlin; Richard m. Eunice Moore.

ELIZABETH (d. of Richard Ely 18) m. Samuel Selden. Children: Elizabeth m. Elisha Marvin; Samuel, Elijah, Deborah, Charles, Jemima, Richard, Mary, Joseph Dudley, George, Dorothea, Roger.

PHEBE (d. of Richard 18) m. James Dennison Colt. Children: James Dennison, Richard Ely.

* This is a heavy antique gold ring, which was presented, as tradition says, by CHARLES I, to one of the ancestors of the present ELY family. It may be much older. It is a seal ring with three Fleurs-de-lis engraved upon it, being the arms of the family. It must always be in possession of one of the family of the name of JOSEPH. When JOSEPH ELIHU (named in the text) died, he bequeathed the ring to JOSEPH, a son of his brother OLIVER, of Binghamton, N. Y., its present owner.

HEPHZIBAH (d. of Richard 18) m. John Pratt. Children: Anna, Hephzibah, John, Anna, David, Ely, Phebe, Mary.

ELIZABTH (d. of Samuel 17) m. Elisha Sheldon. Children: Lois, Elisha, Thomas, Mary, Samuel.

APPENDIX D.

(Referred to on page 12.)

The following, copied from an old family Bible of my Father's, is all the information I have been able to obtain in relation to the Genealogy of that branch of the HILL family, of which he was a member.

The first of the name was JAMES HILL, who, as is supposed, emigrated to this country from England, about the beginning of the 18th century. His son, MICHAEL, (the only one of whom there is any record,) was born in 1698. He married for his first wife, SARAH, (maiden name unknown,) by whom he had the following children, viz:

- 1st. WILLIAM, born in 1722, and died in 1741.
- 2d. MICHAEL, born in 1724.
- 3d. SARAH, born in 1727.

4th. PELEG, born in 1730. A son of his, *Richard Hill*, formerly of Essex, Ct., was the father of Henry Hill of Boston, the Treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. I believe, though I am not positive, that the late *Hiland Hill* of Catskill was a grandson of PELEG HILL.

His first wife, SARAH, dying in 1730, MICHAEL HILL was married again, to ANNA SPENCER, by whom he had the following children, viz:

- 1st. ANNA, born in 1731, and died in 1766.
- 2d. AARON, born in 1733, and died in 1743.
- 3d. MARY, born in 1736, and died in 1743.
- 4th. BEULAH, born in 1741, and died in 1743,
- 5th. WILLIAM, born in 1743.
- 6th. SAMUEL, (my grandfather) born in 1745, and died December 8, 1818.
- 7th. AARON, born in 1752, and died in 1775.

MICHAEL HILL died in 1752, and his wife ANNA in 1786.

SAMUEL HILL, (son of MICHAEL,) married EDITH BAYLEY (born in 1745) January 2, 1769. Their children were:

- 1st. CHRISTOPHER, born January 28, 1771, and died September 5, 1800.
- 2d. EDWARD, born October 4, 1772, and died October 4, 1773.

3d. EDWARD (2d), born September 7, 1774, who married ELIZABETH LEE, November 26, 1801. Their children are given on page 12. He died April 15, 1828.

4th. MARY ANN, born March 24, 1777, who married the Rev. SETH LEE of Lyme. Their children are mentioned on page 16. She died in 1843.

5th. MEHITABEL, born March 26, 1779, and died September 5, 1843.

6th. ROXANA, born January 9, 1782. She married first, ISAAC McCRAY, of Ellington, Ct., and after his death Mr. HOLBROOK of Great Medway, Mass., who is also dead. She is the only surviving member of the family.

7th. SARAH, born January 28, 1784, who married first a Mr. ROGERS, by whom she had three children, viz: 1, *Robert*; 2, *Sarah*, who married Watrous B. Smith of East Haddam, Ct., and 3, *Elizabeth*, who married a Mr. Penny of Ellington, Ct. Her first husband dying, Mrs. ROGERS was again married to a Mr. Mc. CRAY of Ellington, and had by him a number of children. She died March 7, 1849.

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